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INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA PRIORITY
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TAGS: PINT PINS PFOR ET US

SUBJ: KAGNEW 4

REF: (A) STATE 258218; (B) KHARTOUM 2525

1. USG STATEMENT ALONG LINES REFTEL (A), AFTER RELEASE OF KAGNEW 2, UNLIKELY RESULT IN SEVER STRAINS ON US-EPMG RELATIONS. SUGGEST THAT IN CONSTRUCTING TEXT OF STATEMENT, DEPT MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF THE LANGUAGE CONCERNING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT THAT WE MAKE PUBLIC IN MARCH AT TIME OF \$7MILLION AMMO SALE, AND ALSO INCLUDE REF TO "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA" WHICH IS KEY ELEMENT ON WHICH EPMG NEEDS CONTINUED REASSURANCE.

2. DEPT WILL PRESUMABLY BE FORMULATING INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT WE CAN SAY WHEN WE NEXT BRIEF EPMG ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN KHARTOUM DISCUSSIONS. SUGGEST THAT FOR TIME BEING WE NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS WITH EPMG POSSIBLE USG STATEMENT (TO BE MADE AFTER KAGNEW 2 RELEASE), AT LEAST UNTIL WE HAVE A FINISHED OR NEARLY FINISHED TEXT IN MIND THAT WE CAN DESCRIBE TO EPMG.

3. POSSIBLE IMPACT OF STATEMENT ON SITUATION CISCO 2 IS NOT COVERED IN REFTELS, NOR CAN WE JUDGE FROM HERE WHETHER IT WOULD
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HELP OR HINDER THEIR EVENTUAL RELEASE. CISCO 2 ARE NOT HELD

BY ELF AND WHAT MAY SATISFY ELF MAY NOT NECESSARILY SATISFY
PLF, PARTICULARLY MILITARY WING, WE ASSUME DEPT IS KEEPING THIS
IN MIND IN DECIDING UPON PUBLIC STATEMENT.

4. WE ARE REPEATING BOTH REFTELS TO ASMARA.
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